

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Landrum¹ R61

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Pension Office

May 8, 1838

I certify that I have examined the claim of the Heirs of the late Thomas Landrum, deceased who was a Surgeon's Mate in the Navy of the State of Virginia during the revolutionary war: that he continued in the service until the reduction of the Navy in 1781, when he became supernumerary; that he died in 1811; that the case is embraced by the provisions of the act of the July 5th 1832, entitled, "an act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia;" that the claim should therefore be allowed at the rate of \$91.25 since per annum from the 22nd of April 1783, when the war terminated, to the 10th of January 1811 the day on which his last will and testament is dated and that the amount is payable to the Honorable John Taliaferro, M. C. who is fully authorized by Thomas Green of Richmond Virginia attorney of Elizabeth W Collins, administratrix of Thomas Landrum deceased to receive the sum due.

Approved

Commissioner of Pensions

Acting Secretary of War

Pension Office

September 17, 1845

I certify that I have examined the claim of the Heirs of Thomas Landrum deceased who was a Surgeon's Mate in the Virginia State Navy and it appears that they were, in May 1838, allowed half pay under the act of July 5th, 1832, entitled "an act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia" from the 22nd of April 1783 to the time of his death in January 1811. The Heirs of now as for half pay under said act from the time when the Navy was reduced and when he left the service, up to the 22nd of April 1783, and I find that the same is due. I therefore certify that they are entitled to half pay from November 30, 1781, when he left the service, till 22nd of April 1783, at the rate of \$91.25 per annum: and that the amount is payable to Henry Northup, attorney of Elizabeth W Collins of Westmoreland County, Virginia, administratrix of Thomas Landrum deceased.

S/ Commissioner of pensions

Approved

Secretary of War

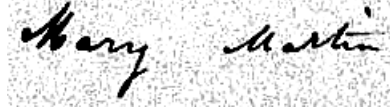
¹ Va. Half Pay See N. A. Acct. No. 837 Virginia State Navy Thomas Landrum OYS File Va. Half Pay

State of Virginia, Elizabeth City County January 20, 1854

Sir

Please furnish Mr. Thomas C Peek of the Town of Hampton with any information he may desire relative to the Half Pay which may have been allowed Dr. Thomas Landrum for his Revolutionary Services & oblige your &c

S/ Mary Martin



To Comr. Pensions

Washington, DC

On this 20th of January 1854 before me John M Willis a Justice of the peace within & for the County & State above named personally appeared Mary Martin whose name is signed to the foregoing writing & made oath according to law that she is an heir at law of Doctor Thomas Landrum, and I certify that I believe her statement to that effect to be true.

Given under my hand & seal the day & year above written

S/ J. M. Willis, JP

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

To his Excellency Governor Floyd (Petition for land)

Heirs of Thomas Landrum – Surgeon's Mate Navy

The facts are – an allowance of land has been made to Thomas Landrum as a soldier of the Continental line –an individual of the same name was Surgeon's mate on board the *Tempest* in September, October, November & December 1779 – Regular pay rolls of the officers then of the *Tempest* down to a later [?] period have not been preserved. The Journals of the Navy Board do not show that he left the service. The strong presumption is he remained in service until the reduction of the Officers of the Navy the last of 1781: and was then supernumerary, or he might have remained in service to the end of the war. In addition a witness proves a service of 3 years as Surgeon's Mate.

I think he should be allowed land, for a service of three years: & if he was the same person who received land as a soldier, the quantity allowed in that character should be deducted. This claim has been [indecipherable word] upon List No. Two.

Respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith Commissioner

At Request I certify that I was on board of the Ship *Tempest* (commanded by Captain Celly Saunders of the Virginia State Navy in the War of the Revolution) upwards of three years, having enlisted for that length of time and Surgeon's Mate Landrum was on board the said ship the same length of time. I knew him well and can therefore speak with a degree of certainty.

As witness my hand this the 29th day of March 1832

S/ John Cannaday ²

² sic, [John Cannaday VAS190](#)

John Casaday

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Addendum to Thomas Landrum R61

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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The Petition of the heirs of Thomas Landrum A Surgeon's Mate in the State Navy for Land Bounty.

They respectfully solicit the allowance of the proportion of Bounty Land in such Cases usual.

They refer the State Agent to the Reports by him made from which it appears that s'd Landrum is entitled to Land Bounty

Saml. B. Servant/ for/ the Heirs

19th March 1834

Petition for bounty land.

The Heirs of Thomas Landrum Surg. Mate S. Navy

This claim has already been reported upon to the Governor. I refer your Excellency to the Report, on file in the Secretary's Office.

Resply submitted/ John H Smith Comr. &c

To his Excellency/ Govr Tazewell

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